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This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1 114 of the above identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. xx Previously submitted

i. xxConsider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on April 18, 2005

ii __ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii __ Other -

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i Amendment/Reply

ii __Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii __ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv __Other

2. Miscellaneous

a __ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under

37C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months

b __ Other

3 Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

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